

Maryland Assistive Technology Program

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES



ABOUT US

Maryland TAP provides statewide access to assistive technology (AT) through equipment demonstrations, loans, reuse, financing, and training.

www.mdtap.org

We're a free, statewide service through the Maryland Department of Disabilities.



WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Assistive Technology, also known as AT, encompasses a wide variety of items from low-tech such as a claw reacher to high-tech devices that utilize smart screens and speakers to “speak” for someone who is nonverbal. And everything in-between!

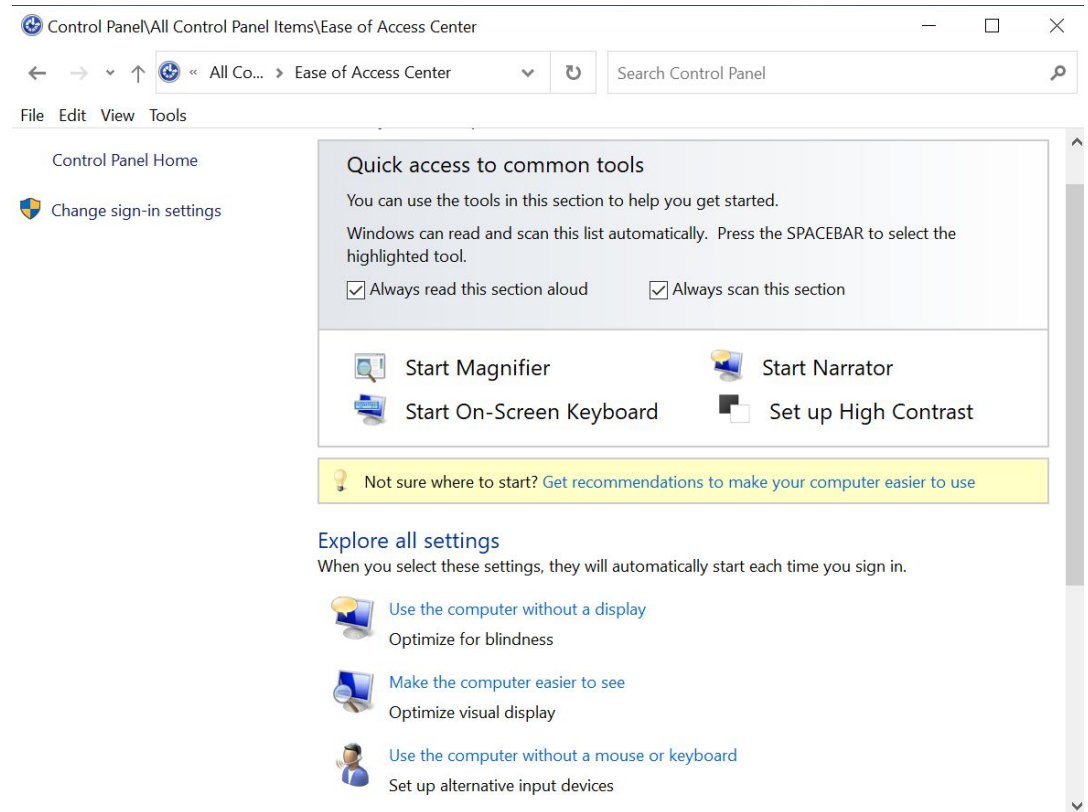
AT improves a person’s functional abilities so that individual can have greater independence and success with a task(s).

From Mainstream to Dedicated

AT can be technology made to be used by anyone but is utilized by someone with a disability to increase independence **OR** it can be a device created specifically with a certain disability in mind!

Examples:

- Magnification built into the OS of your laptop
- An OCR app designed for blind users to take pictures and hear content read back BUT used by a student who benefits from audio feedback when processing content
- Smart Thermostat or Alexa Microwave



WhAT We Do in Maryland



AT demonstrations and consultations with AT Clinicians – In-person and virtually!



Issue short-term device loans, up to 4 weeks at a time to try before buying



Provide low-interest financial loans and run the High-Tech AT Reuse Center



Host in-depth AT sessions exploring a variety of AT topics - In-person and virtually!



IT Accessibility Initiative – training, evaluation, and remediation for digital accessibility within state government



Host statewide AT events such as Accessible Gaming Days, Financial Resiliency Webinar Series, and more!

AT: Plain & Simple



<https://youtu.be/vdOw6N8Mwyk>

Who We Are



Who is MDTAP Commercial

AT Libraries



Community AT Libraries across the State

Community AT Libraries – 9 Locations

Visits by appointment only

MDTAP – Statewide

Maryland Assistive Technology Program

Central Maryland

(Baltimore City, Harford, & Baltimore Counties)

IMAGE Center

(Anne Arundel & Howard Counties)

Accessible Resources for Independence

(Howard County Only)

Howard County Loan Closet - AT Library

Northern Maryland

(Harford & Cecil Counties)



Libraries, cntd.

Southern Maryland

(Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties)

Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, Inc.
(SMCIL)

(Montgomery & Prince George's Counties)

Independence Now

Western Maryland

(Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties)

Resources for Independence, Inc.

(Carroll & Frederick Counties)

Freedom Center of Maryland

Eastern Shore

(Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset,
Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)
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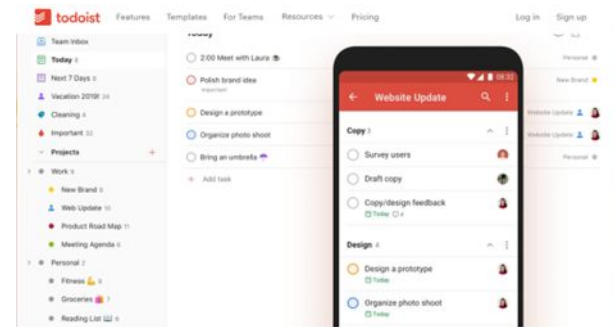
AT for Independent Living!

Lifeware Level

Zipper Pull

AT for School & Work

Memory & Cognition Aids



AT for Fun!

Adapted Dice & Gaming

Adapted video game controllers



Recycled / Refurbished AT & DME

Maryland High-Tech AT Reuse Center (MATR)



MD AT REUSE (MATR) EQUIPMENT

- ❑ CCTVs/Video Magnifiers/Magnifiers
- ❑ iDevices
- ❑ Adapted computer keyboards, mice, switches
- ❑ Speech communication devices
- ❑ Amplified telephones
- ❑ And more
- ❑ [Search all available items online](#)

Visit MATR By Appointment Only –

7125 Riverwood Drive, Suite D1 Columbia, MD 21046

To schedule a MATR donation, consultation, or pickup, contact 443-326-9703 MDTAP.AT-Reuse@maryland.gov

Online Equipment Exchange

MDTAP maintains the **Maryland Assistive Technology Exchange**, an equipment exchange page through Facebook Yardsale



Maryland Assistive Technology Equipment Reuse



Other Statewide Equipment Reuse Options

[The Maryland Department of Aging Equipment Reuse Program](#) provides durable medical equipment (DME) to Marylanders with any illness, injury, or disability, regardless of age, at no cost.



Pediatric DME, too

From adapted strollers to gait trainers, therapy equipment to car seats, these programs are ensuring that all families and all children have exactly what they need to thrive.



- [Ryans Place Foundation](#)
- [Equipment Connections for Children](#)



Statewide Portable Ramp Access Project

MDTAP oversees the statewide portable ramp project, loaning a variety of portable ramps to consumers who need short-term ramp solutions. These ramps are housed at 6 local Centers for Independent Living across the state:

[IMAGE Center of Maryland](#) – Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County

[Independence Now](#) – Montgomery County, Prince George's County

[Accessible Resources for Independence](#) – Howard County, Anne Arundel County

[Southern Maryland CIL](#) - Calvert County, Charles County, St. Mary's County

[Resources for Independence](#) - Allegany County, Garrett County, Washington County

[Bay Area CIL](#) – Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester





FUNDING AT



AT Financial Loan Program Snapshot

- Provides low-interest loans to Maryland residents with disabilities or their families to buy assistive technology
- Loans issued to those who cannot otherwise afford a loan but still maintain a good likelihood of repaying the loan
- Covers all types of AT including vehicles, computers, hearing aids, home modifications, and more
- \$500 - \$10,000 for general AT purchases
- Up to \$20,000 for Home Modifications

iDrive Maryland



Expanding access to affordable vehicle loans for Marylanders with disabilities, particularly those in rural areas of Maryland, who are more likely to face limited access to transportation, higher poverty rates, and greater unemployment.

iDrive Maryland

- Loans for both adapted AND non-adapted vehicles
- Interest rates currently offered at 3%
- Loan amounts up to *\$70,000 for vehicles
- Up to 120-months (10 year) repayment terms for some vehicles*

*some restrictions apply



How to Apply



You can easily and securely [Apply online here!](#)

Or [download the application](#)
and submit by email
to mdtap.atlp@maryland.gov

Other AT Funding Sources

CILs AT Grants – These can often go up to \$5,000, but many require a % contribution from the consumer. Each of the 7 CILs maintain their own structure and application process.

LISS Funding – up to \$2,000 for services and devices.

Medicaid Waiver Programs – all 3 (Family Supports, Community Supports, and Community Pathways) include AT and AT Services, though the amounts fluctuate.

Local service organizations such as Business and Professional Women's Associations, Exchange Club, Kiwanis, Elks, Lions, SERTOMA, JayCees, Church Groups, "A Dream Come True", "Make-A-Wish", Masons/Shriners, Churches, Knights of Columbus, and the Quota Club.

Partner Programs



Discounted Assistive Technology – Purchasing Cooperative

MDTAP partners with AT Discount Sales & Services, LLC to access the lowest prices for AT when purchasing equipment. And you can too!

AT Discount Sales & Services, LLC provides discounts and product information for all AT needs.

410-290-1327

amanda@atdiscount.net

www.atdiscount.net

MAT Program

- Landline and mobile phones are available for people with **hearing loss, vision loss, physical disabilities, and I/DD.**
- For anyone 3 and up, who qualifies.
- Application available online
- Call 800-552-7724 or 410-767-6960 (Voice/TTY) or 443-453-5970 (Video Phone) to request by mail
- Email MAT.Program1@Maryland.gov and request an electronic application



Maryland Accessible Telecommunications
Equipment Distribution Program

301 W. Preston St. Suite 1008A
Baltimore, MD 21201

800-552-7724 | 410-767-7253 (Voice/TTY)
410-801-9618 (Video Phone)
MAT.Program1@Maryland.gov
MDRelay.org



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MAT Applicants:

1. Please complete Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this application (pages 1 through 5).
2. Detach page 7, along the perforation. Complete the top section of Part 5, the Disability Certification Form, and give this form to your doctor, audiologist, rehabilitation counselor, speech pathologist, social worker, psychologist, mental health counselor, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or physical therapist to complete and return directly to MAT. *If documents are too large, tape the prepaid label to the front of a separate envelope.*
3. Make a copy of your required eligibility documents (do not send the original documents; they will not be returned). The copied eligibility forms can be folded and taped inside of your completed application, and sent directly to MAT showing the pre-paid, addressed panel on the outside.
4. Applicants are encouraged to make a copy of their **entire application** for personal reference.

If you prefer to email your application and documentation, it can be scanned and sent to: MAT.Program1@Maryland.gov

MAT Application Part 1

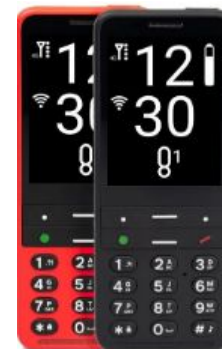
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What Telecommunications Equipment is Available?

- Blindshell Classic 2
- Iphone 14
- Ipad
- Braille displays, BT keyboards and other necessary accessories equipment



Specialized Services for DeafBlind

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